

Application Number: 09/884,249Docket Number: 10017175-1**REMARKS**

Upon entry of this Response, claims 1-20 remain pending in the present Patent Application. Applicants request reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the following remarks.

Applicant has argued in two prior Responses that the rejections of claims 1-20 as being obvious over the US Patent Application Publication US/2002/0129097A1 filed by Jia (hereafter "Jia") are improper as Jia has been properly disqualified under 35 U.S.C. §103(c). Applicant refers to the arguments presented in such Responses and reiterates these arguments herein. Also, in an interview recently held with the Examiner, it was determined that Jia should be disqualified. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the finality of the Office Action be withdrawn and that a new Office Action issue in the present application. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

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